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Division of Waste Management Announces Grant Recipients *Program provides rubber mulch for playgrounds, tracks, athletic fields*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 10, 2013) – Governor Steve Beshear and the Energy and Environment Cabinet today announced that \$250,000 in grant funding has been awarded for one landscaping project, one walking trail and 18 playground projects.

Crumb rubber, made from recycled scrap tires, is used for mulch on playgrounds to enhance durability and safety; for fitness/walking tracks; for landscaping, and on athletic fields to reduce soil degradation and increase safety benefits.

Gov. Beshear said the crumb rubber grants program encourages environmental stewardship. "The Energy and Environment Cabinet is pleased to support these projects that will use recycled Kentucky waste tires in an environmentally beneficial way and will enhance playground safety for our children across the Commonwealth."

The grants are from the Waste Tire Trust Fund, established by the 1998 Kentucky General Assembly to receive a \$1 fee from each retail sale of a new tire in the state. The fund manages 4 million scrap tires generated in Kentucky each year and helps develop markets for recycled tire products.

Recipients, along with grant amounts, are as follows:

Applicant	Project Location	Grant Amount
Allen	Project C.A.M.P. Inc. (The Center for Courageous Kids)	\$10,600
Bell	Bell-Whitley Community Action Agency Inc. (Frakes Park)	\$ 6,400
Boyle	Boyle County Fiscal Court (Whites Park)	\$43,900
Bracken	Augusta Independent Schools	\$28,000
Fayette	Blue Grass Baptist Church (School)	\$10,900
Floyd	Allen United Methodist Church (Wesley Christian School)	\$18,900
Garrard	Garrard/Lincoln Solid Waste Management Area (Jaycees Park)	\$ 3,900
LaRue	Bullfrogs & Butterflies Child Development Center	\$ 4,600
Lewis	City of Vanceburg (Scott Park)	\$ 6,300
Madison	Richmond Child Care Center	\$ 4,900
Meade	Meade County Fiscal Court (Meade-Olin Park)	\$58,800
Morgan	Morgan County Fiscal Court (Heritage Park and Playground)	\$17,900
Perry	Hazard Independent Schools (Roy G. Eversole Elementary)	\$20,900
Taylor	Taylor County School District (Taylor County Elementary)	\$ 4,900
Whitley	Bell-Whitley Community Action Agency Inc. (Boston Park)	\$ 9,100

TOTAL

\$250,000

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